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TITLE OF INVENTION: METHOD OF FORMING A LIQUID CRYSTAL LAYER USING AN INK JET SYSTEM

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Application No. Applicant(s) 10/028,433 BYUN ET AL. Notice of Allowability Examiner Art Unit THOLV DUONG 2071 -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308. 1. This communication is responsive to the amendment filed August 29, 2008. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4,7-10 and 12-24. 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the: a) 🔯 All 1. A Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: _____. Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. (a) Including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d). 6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. Attachment(s) 1. | Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08). 7. X Examiner's Amendment/Comment Paper No./Mail Date 4. T Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit 8. X Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance of Biological Material 9. ☐ Other .

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This office action is in response to the Amendment filed August 29, 2008.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 9 were amended, and claims 3, 5, 6 and 11 were cancelled. Currently, claims 1, 2, 4, 7-10 and 12-24 are pending in this application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

<u>Claim 7</u>: in line 1, after "the substrate has", delete "a" and insert --the--; and in line 2, after "black matrix under", delete "a" and insert --the--.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-10 and 12-24 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: none of the prior art of record fairly suggests or shows all of the limitations as claimed. Specifically,

Re claims 1 and 9, none of the prior art of record discloses, in combination with other limitations as claimed, an apparatus for forming a liquid crystal layer on a substrate as well a method of forming as the same comprising a projecting portion for emitting a liquid crystal material; a resonator for generating a vibration with only a specific frequency upon application of an on voltage to the resonator during emitting of

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the liquid crystal material; a resonating plate located between the resonator and the projecting portion and outside of the projecting portion, the resonating plate vibrating with the same specific frequency and transmitting the vibration to the projecting portion so as to apply a pressure to the projecting portion to emit the liquid crystal material from the projecting portion onto a substrate, wherein the resonator, the resonating plate and the projecting portion are arranged in a direction perpendicular to the substrate; and a stage for moving the substrate in one direction during emitting of the liquid crystal material from the projecting portion uniformly onto the substrate, the substrate having a seal pattern and a black matrix at a region corresponding to the seal pattern, wherein the liquid crystal material is emitted from the projecting portion substantially in the same direction, which is perpendicular to the substrate as the resonator vibrates.

The most relevant reference, US 3,512,173 to D. E, Damouth, as shown in Fig. 1, fails to disclose or suggest that the resonator, the resonating plate and the projecting portion are arranged in a direction perpendicular to the substrate, wherein the substrate has a seal pattern and a black matrix at a region corresponding to the seal pattern and the liquid crystal material is emitted from the projecting portion substantially in the same direction, which is perpendicular to the substrate, as the resonator vibrates.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

 Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thoi V. Duong whose telephone number is (571) 272-2292. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 4:30

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms, can be reached at (571) 272-1787.

/Thoi V. Duong/ - Primary Examiner

December 01, 2008